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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

- (a) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is requested that the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08a be considered and made of record in the above-identified patent application.
- ☒ Copies of references Citation No(s). U.S. Patent Application Publication Documents (1); Foreign Patent Documents (1 - 5); and Non-Patent Literature Documents (1 - 2) are attached.
 - ☐ Copy(ies) of references Citation No(s). _____ was/were filed in application U.S. Application No(s). _____ filed _____, from which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.
 - ☐ A copy of the International Search Report received in the corresponding PCT Application No. _____ is attached herewith.

- (b) ☒ No fee is believed due because:
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Respectfully submitted,

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